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1. The Soviet S.S. SOVIETSKY SOYUZ (formerly the S.S. HANSA) made her shakedown run with but one propeller as the second propeller shaft was out of alignment due to a bulge in the skin plating. The bulge in the skin plating, which entailed a deformation of the propeller strut, was caused by superpressure prevailing in the bunker fitted at the rear of it. The volume of delivery of the pumps in relation to the overflow was too great. The ship was moored in Warnemuende Roads at the time of observation undergoing unknown repair work. The turbine had been installed in the ship without previous test bench runs. It therefore could be started only with utmost caution. The shakedown run period was expected to continue for another month. There were but a few shipyard members aboard the ship at the time. 25X1
2. On 7 June 1955, a Soviet Commission had meetings at the Zentrales Entwurfs- und Konstruktionsbuero Schiffbau (Central Shipbuilding Project and Design Office) (ZEK), and a final decision was taken to convert the S.S. YURY DOLGORUKI (formerly the S.S. HALBURG) into a floating whale-processing plant. Orders were placed for the preliminary project and the project work proper. A total amount of 1,500,000 Eastmarks was granted for this work and work on the preliminary project was to begin without delay. The elaboration of the project was to begin in the next two or three months. These operations were to be given priority to all other kind of work to be carried out by ZEK Schiffbau. No information has yet been received about other project work which would have to be postponed in this connection. The ship was scheduled to carry a crew of 480 men and take on provisions for a total of 1,000 men including the whalers' crews for seven months. The ship was to be fitted with a ~~whale processing~~ plant capable of processing 65 whales in 24 hours. (sic) 25X1
3. All work on the passenger ship YURY DOLGORUKI was temporarily stopped. The present plan provides for her conversion into a floating whale-processing plant.
4. The former HANSA, now SOVIETSKY SOYUZ, was in Warnemuende Roads prior to undergoing shakedown runs to test her machine, which began on 1 May 1955. The acceptance run was scheduled to begin in June 1955. 25X1

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